



West Virginia Senate

Committee on Health and Human Resources

Minutes for FEBRUARY 23, 2021, 1:00 PM

Pursuant to the call of the Chair, the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources met on February 23, 2021, 1:00 PM in Room 451-M.

Members present: Senators Maroney, Grady, Azinger, Roberts, Rucker, Stover, Takubo, Weld, Woodrum, Lindsay, Stollings, Unger

Members absent: Senators Plymale

A silent roll call being taken, the presence of a quorum was established.

On motion of Senator Grady, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

SB39 – Prohibiting insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for tests to stage cancer

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 39 prohibiting insurance coverage from requiring prior authorization for tests to stage cancers. Senators Stollings and Takubo addressed the committee in support of SB39. Senator Azinger asked the Chairman if a representative from the insurance industry was available to testify to the bill. Counsel responded to Senator Azinger's questions. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that SB39 be reported with the recommendation that it do pass, but under the original double committee reference, first be referred to the Committee on Finance. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

HB2262 – Relating to the controlled substance monitoring database

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented House Bill 2262 relating to the controlled substance monitoring database. Counsel also presented an amendment to correct internal code citations. Counsel responds to questions from Senator Stover. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved to amend HB2262 with the amendment explained by counsel. The Chairman put the question on the motion and the amendment was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that House Bill 2262, as amended, be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

SB377 – Relating to extension for boil water advisories by water utility or public service district

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 377 relating to extension for boil water advisories by water utility or public service district along with a proposed Committee Substitute. Senator Takubo addressed the committee in support of the bill. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved to agree to the language of the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 377. The Chairman put the question on the motion and the motion was adopted. Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that the Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 377 be reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The Motion was adopted.

SB387 – Relating to drug screening of applicants for cash assistance

Chairman Maroney recognized Cindy Dellinger, counsel, Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources, who presented Senate Bill 387 relating to drug screening of applicants for cash assistance. Counsel responded to questions. With leave of the Committee, Jeremiah Samples, Assistant Secretary, DHHR, was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Mr. Samples addressed the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee regarding Senate Bill 387.

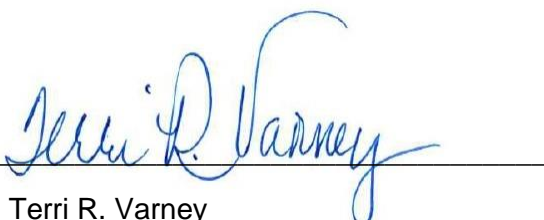
Senator Lindsay asked permission of the Chairman to allow Matt Kerner address the Committee and be available for questions. With leave of the Committee, Matt Kerner, Executive Director of Opportunity House, Inc., was administered the oath prescribed by Senate Rule 28a by Chairman Maroney. Mr. Kerner addressed the Committee and responded to questions from the Committee regarding Senate Bill 387.

Chairman Maroney recognized Senator Grady who moved that Senate Bill 387 be laid over and placed on the Committee's agenda for February 25, 2021. The Chairman put the question on the motion. The motion was adopted.

There being no further business, the Committee was adjourned on Motion of Senator Grady.



Michael J. Maroney
Chairman



Terri R. Varney
Committee Clerk/Analyst



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Remote/Virtual Testimony

Testimony taken this 23rd day of February, 2021, in
the Senate Committee on Health and Human Resources.

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that the testimony I shall give shall be
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help me
God."

Jeremiah Samples, Deputy Secretary
Print Witness Name DHHR

Terri L. Varney
Testimony Attested to by Committee
Clerk

Oath was administered by:

Michael J. Maroney, Chair
Print Member Name

Michael J. Maroney
Sign Member Name



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Matt Kerner, Executive Director
Print Witness Name Opportunity House, Inc.

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Michael J. Maroney, Chair
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